

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department – Certain allegations in tampering of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal proceedings – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri G.Ravi, former Mandal Revenue Officer, Mangoor (Mandal), Mahabubnagar District (now retired) – Imposition of punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one year – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 663

Dated:01.05.2012.

Read the following:-

- 1) From the C.C.L.A's Ref.No.VSI(4)/1050/2001, dated 20.08.2010.
- 2) Govt. Memo No.39991/Vig.II(2)/2010-1, dated 01.10.10.
- 3) Representation of Sri G.Ravi, former M.R.O. (now retired), dated 29.01.11.
- 4) Govt. Memo No.39991/Vig.II(2)/2010-2, dated 14.03.2011.
- 5) Orders of A.P. Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad, dated 02.02.2012 in O.A.No.6613/2009.
- 6) From the Collector, Mahabubnagar, Lr.No.A4/3561/1999, dated 16.02.2012.
- 7) Govt. Letter No.39991/Vig.II(2)/2010-3, dt.17.03-2012.
- 8) From the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Hyderabad, Lr.No.659/RT/2/2012, dated 13.04.2012.

In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad has reported that Sri G.Ravi, while working as Deputy Tahsildar, Office of Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal has made unauthorized corrections in the official correspondence i.e. (i) C.C.No.2428/75, dt.30.10.98 (ii) C.C.No.2428/ 75, dt.2.11.98 (letter to Mandal Revenue Officer, Ghatt) and he deleted Sy.No.45 from the list of surplus area and corrected Sy.Nos.97 as 696 and 59 and 56. The extent of Sy.No.97 Ac.7.00 has been revised as Sy.No.696 Ac.15. The said corrections were made in the original by approved draft, keeping the Revenue Divisional Officer in dark. After making illegal unauthorized corrections, he sent another proceedings on 16.12.1998 to the Mandal Revenue Officer, Ghatt and both the proceedings were personally attested by Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR).

2. On the above said irregularities, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad had framed charges against Sri G.Ravi, former Mandal Revenue Officer, Mangoor (Mandal) (now retired) vide his proceedings dt.28.05.2002 and the Charged Officer submitted written statement of defence requesting to drop further action against him. Since, the written statement of defence was not convincing, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad has appointed the Joint Collector, Mahabubnagar District as the Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR), Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal vide his proceedings dt.2.7.2005. After completion of the enquiry, the Enquiry Officer has submitted enquiry report holding that the charges were held proved against Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR), Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad has communicated

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the enquiry report to the delinquent officer to submit his representation on the findings of the enquiry report vide his proceedings dt.8.7.2010. The Delinquent Officer has submitted his representation and stated that he had issued revised proceedings as per the agreement arrived at by the beneficiaries with the land owners and it was made after informing the Revenue Divisional Officer. The Inquiring Authority has not made any efforts to ascertain the correctness of his statement. He has further stated that he did not commit any irregularity nor caused any loss to Government and requested to drop further action against him in the matter. In the meanwhile, Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR), Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal has retired from service on superannuation. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad, while furnishing the proposals has requested the Government to conclude the proceedings under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

3. Government, after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view the findings of the Enquiry Officer and the representation of the Charged Officer have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR), Office of Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal (now retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, a show cause notice was issued to Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR), Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal (now retired) to submit his representation as to why the above proposed punishment should not be imposed on him within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Memo, failing which it will be construed that he has no representation to offer and further action will be taken based on the material available in the records vide reference 2nd read above.

4. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR), Office of Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal has submitted representation stating that he had issued revised proceedings as per the agreement arrived at by the beneficiaries with the land owners and it was made after informing the Revenue Divisional Officer. The IA has not made any efforts to ascertain the correctness of his statement and he has simply reiterated the charges and held them as proved without examining any witnesses and recording his findings in respect of each article of charge. He has further stated that he did not commit any irregularity nor caused any loss to Government and in this case he has acted in good faith with an intention to give a permanent solution to the dispute which was pending for decades. Further, before issuing revised proceedings, he had informed the position to the Revenue Divisional Officer who agreed and if he really made any corrections without the knowledge of the Revenue Divisional Officer, the Revenue Divisional Officer would have certainly questioned him the very next day, which he did not do. He has finally stated that in his entire service he never received any complaints/adverse comments/ punishment etc. and on the other hand he received several appreciations and commendations from his superior officers wherever he worked and he never indulged in any sort of malpractices in his service. Hence, he has requested to consider his submission sympathetically and drop further action against him.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, observed that the explanation submitted by the Accused Officer is not convincing. The Delinquent Officer has stated that the revised Survey Numbers were incorporated after reaching an agreement with the land owners (declarants). It was his duty to being the request for such changes from the land owners, if any, to the notice of the Revenue Divisional Officer and obtain his written

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approval before issuing the revised order. He was not authorized to effect the changes on his own. Hence Government have concluded that the Accused Officer has made unauthorized corrections in the official correspondence which is an administrative irregularity and hence decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e. to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year on Sri G.Ravi, former Mandal Revenue Officer (now retired), after due consultation with the A.P. Public Service Commission. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose the punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year on Sri G.Ravi, former Mandal Revenue Officer (now retired).

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri G.Ravi, former Deputy Tahsildar (LR) (Retired),
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gadwal
through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,
Hyderabad.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,
Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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The District Treasury Officer, Mahabubnagar
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission,
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The Government Pleader for Revenue (Services),
Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER